

# **City of Sugar City**

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April 2012

### Dear Sugar City Residents:

### Calendar:

April 5, 7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Meeting Public Hearing: Sugar Shop Special Use Permit

April 7, 9 a.m. - Easter egg hunt

April 8 - Happy Easter

April 12, 6:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting

April 19, 7 p.m. - Planning & Zoning Meeting

April 26 - 6:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting

April 27 - Arbor Day Celebration

#### Dates to remember:

May 21 – Spring cleanup starts June 9 – Teton Dam Marathon (Rexburg/Sugar City)

July 28 - Pioneer community breakfast

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Easter egg hunt will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Smith Park. Ages one to ten.



The **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** wants your ideas. They are considering developing a youth recreation center. They are also asking for ideas for the west entrance of the city, at the grain silo. Some ideas are: (1) climbing wall inside and out for summer and winter use; (2) paint scenes on outside of building; and (3) on the grounds by building, build a roller skating area in summer and ice skating area in winter. These are just IDEAS. They would require grants to be written. We want Sugar City to be a fun and great place for our families to live. If there are ideas about any other area of the city, please let us know. Please e-mail your positive ideas to <a href="https://www.makesugargreat@yahoo.com">www.makesugargreat@yahoo.com</a> or call Jody Huntsman at 356-4822.

If you have a desire to purchase trees, the information is on the city Web site: <a href="https://www.sugarcityidaho.gov">www.sugarcityidaho.gov</a>.

**ARBOR DAY:** We are planning to hold the annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 27. We will be planting a

tree and will have a short program that day at Moon Park at 1:00 p.m.

**FLOWER BARREL FUND:** It is time to donate for the Flower Barrel Fund. Drop off donations at City Hall marked "Flower Fund." Thanks.

**WATERING:** Due to an early spring, you can start watering yards, etc., on April 1. Meters were read the end of March.

**DOG LICENSES:** All dog licenses expired December 31<sup>st</sup>. The licensing fee for each dog is \$12 per year. Penalties for an unlicensed dog start at \$100. Inside dogs also need to be licensed.

**SPRING PICKUP:** Spring cleanup begins May 21. We encourage you to bag your leaves in sturdy bags because of the wind scattering them in the cleanup. Loose leaves are nearly impossible to haul otherwise. Please remove all vehicles and trailers from the alleys and have everything out by the 16th because it is expensive for us to backtrack. Thanks for your cooperation. Tires, paint and chemicals, batteries, used oil, or large pieces of concrete will not be picked up. We will start on the southwest corner of town and move east, and then start on the north side of town on the west and move east.

Mayor Glenn W. Dalling City Council and Staff

## PLANNING FOR CITY HALL REMODELING

During the early months of 2004, the council began to analyze the existing City Hall, including the offices and the council room. The heating and air conditioning were totally unsatisfactory and the back of the building had been used as a city shop until the new shop building had been constructed. Observation of the city council meeting where the council sat around a table caused two members of the council to have their backs to the visiting citizens. It was apparent that those citizens had difficulty hearing the discussion that was taking place.

After considerable review and discussion, the following long-term plans were made:

- 1. Enlarge the council room and elevate the seating of the city council to have them face those who visit on occasion.
- 2. It was absolutely essential to develop a fireproof vault room for the city records required by law.
- 3. There was a need for a third working station and the existing clerk's and treasurer's offices needed improving and updating.
- 4. Plans were made to begin to make improvements in City Hall.

The back of the city building that had been used as a shop for years had become a junk hole.

- 1. The area was cleaned up.
- 2. The council room was enlarged and the council seating was enlarged and elevated to face the visiting people so these visitors could hear what was going on.
- 3. The fireproof vault room was built in the back corner or the old shop building.
- 4. The area between the existing city building and the old shop building was enclosed.
- 5. The clerk's office was greatly improved for workspace and functional storage space.
- 6. The front was remodeled, creating an additional workspace and totally more functional office, introducing a more attractive and a warmer reception area.

The balance of the remodeling was to create a usable area as the city continued to grow.

Plans were made to create a small conference room and three new offices: a planning and zoning office, a building inspector's office, one additional office, and a small courtesy area for the display of our Distinguished Citizen area that also adds to the project.

The funding for these projects has been very minimal considering all that has been accomplished with few or no city tax dollars used.

We prioritized these projects as we felt they were needed in order for the city government to function, as it was needed and as we could find finance.

- 1. Council room
- 2. Vault room
- 3. Clerk's office
- 4. Treasurer's office
- 5. Central heating and air conditioning. Included were replacement of five windows and additional lighting.

# REMODELING PROJECT CITY HALL

Vault room	
Council room materials2,266	
Front office 17,841	
Back office	
TOTAL EXPENSE – LABOR AND MATERIALS	\$ 94,115

# FINANCING TOTAL PROJECT

EECBG GRANT -	
Central air conditioning and	
heating – insulation and	
five windows \$ 36,670	
Rocky Mountain Power grant4,000	
Donated labor 4,715	
Donated funds	×
TOTAL FINANCING	\$ 94.135